

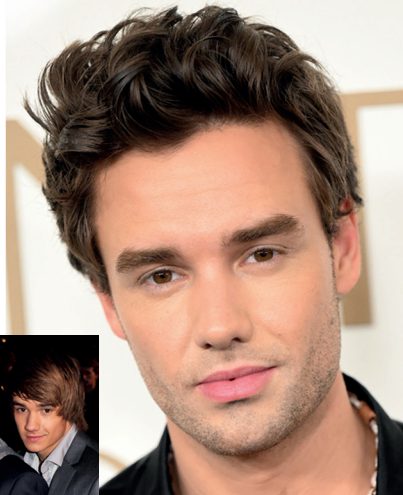
# One Direction singer Liam Payne dead

Liam Payne, a former member of the boy band One Direction, has died aged 31 after falling from a third-floor hotel room in Buenos Aires

■ **Aug 29, 1993:** **Liam Payne** born in Wolverhampton, England

■ **2008:** Auditions, aged 14, for ITV talent show **The X Factor**, but judge **Simon Cowell** tells him to “come back in two years”

■ **2010:** Payne (*below, right*) rises to fame after audition for fifth season of X Factor with newly formed boy band **One Direction**, along with **Harry Styles**, **Niall Horan**, **Louis Tomlinson** and **Zayn Malik**



■ **2017:** Launches solo career with debut single **Strip That Down**, featuring U.S. rapper **Quavo**, peaking at number three on Official UK Chart. His collaboration with **Rita Ora** on song

**For You** – from **Fifty Shades Freed** soundtrack – also reaches top 10

■ **2020:** Gets engaged to model **Maya Henry**, but they later call it off

■ **2022:** Starts relationship with U.S. influencer **Kate Cassidy**

■ **Oct 2, 2024:** Attends Argentina concert of former One Direction bandmate Niall Horan

■ **Oct 16:** Hotel calls emergency services. Payne's body found in courtyard



Despite not winning competition, One Direction goes on to become one of most successful boy bands of all time, selling more than 70m records worldwide, with hits including **What Makes You Beautiful**, **Night Changes** and **Steal My Girl**

■ **2015:** Zayn Malik departs band – others pursue solo careers in 2016

■ **2016:** Payne begins relationship with former X Factor judge **Cheryl Cole**. Couple have son, **Bear** in 2017, but split up in 2018